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AND CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS (TCS) --

ACTIVITIES, JUNE 27 - JULY 3

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1. SUMMARY: CONFERENCE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY FROM US POINT OF VIEW. COMMITTEES II (DECK) AND IV (RADIO) HAVE COMPLETED THEIR WORK, WHILE COMMITTEES I (ARTICLES) AND III (ENGINEERING) HAVE ONLY A FEW ISSUES LEFT TO RESOLVE. DRAFTING COMMITTEE IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY AS PAPERS ARE REFERRED TO IT. PLENARY REVIEWING WORK OF COMMITTEES. END SUMMARY

2. COMMITTEE I (ARTICLES): COMMITTEE COMPLETED WORK ON ALL REMAINING ARTICLES AND REGULATIONS WITHIN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE EXCEPT THE CONTROL ARTICLE (X) WHICH IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. WITH REGARD TO DEFINITION OF "NEAR COASTAL VOYAGES," PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS "DESIGNATED NEAR COASTAL WATERS, US PROPOSALS: (1) THAT COASTAL STATES NOT IMPOSE REQUIREMENTS ON FOREIGN FLAG UNCLASSIFIED

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VESSELS ANY MORE STRINGENT THAN IMPOSED ON THEIR OWN FLAG VESSELS; AND (2) THAT SUCH REQUIREMENTS NOT EXCEED THOSE ESTABLISHED IN CONVENTION, WERE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE' EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY US AND OTHERS TO HAVE PLENARY REFER BACK TO COMMITTEE I ARTICLE VIII N-DISPENSATIONS WHICH IS WEAK IN PRESENT FORM'

3' COMMITTEE II (DECK): COMMITTEE COMPLETED REVIEW OF ALL REGULATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM DRAFT CONVENTION' PLENARY IN PROGRESS OF REVIEWING WORK OF COMMITTEE.

4. COMMITTEE III (ENGINEERING): COMMITTEE HAS FINISHED ITS WORK EXCEPT FOR CONTROVERSY OVER ONE REGULATION. CANADA PROPOSED THAT DRAFT REGULATION III/6 ESTABLISHING MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR RATINGS FORMING PART OF AN ENGINE ROOM WATCH BE CHANGED TO A NON-MANDATORY RESOLUTION. OVER US OPPOSITION, THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE PROPOSAL BY A VOTE OF 18-16' HOWEVER, DUE TO THE CLOSE VOTE PLENARY REFERRED THE RESOLUTION REPLACING DRAFT REGULATION III/6 BACK TO COMMITTEE III FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. COMMITTEE III IS CONTINUING ITS DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER, AND THE US IS MAKING GREAT EFFORTS TO HAVE REGULATION III/6 OR SOME COMPROMISE VERSION RESTORED TO THE CONVENTION.

5. COMMITTEE IV (RADIO): COMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS WORK ON RADIO MATTERS. EXCEPT FOR CHANGES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, TEXT APPROVED WAS ESSENTIALLY THAT IN DRAFT CONVENTION.

6. DRAFTING COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED REDRAFTING OF ALL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED TO DATE.
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REGULATIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN AN ANNEX TO THE CONVENTION HAVING 5 CHAPTERS: GENERAL PROVISIONS; DECK; ENGINEERING; RADIO; AND MISCELLANEOUS (WHICH WILL INCLUDE TANKER CREW QUALIFICATIONS FOR OIL, CHEMICAL AND LIQUEFIED GAS VESSELS). COMMITTEE HAS ALSO FINALIZED 16 OF THE 17 ARTICLES OF THE CONVENTION AS WELL AS THREE RESOLUTIONS ON TANKER CREWS AND FOUR RESOLUTIONS ON WATCHKEEPING PRINCIPLES. IN ADDITION TO THE ONE ARTICLE ON CONTROL (X) AND SOME 10 RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED, THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE MAY HAVE TO WORK ON ONE OR TWO FURTHER REGULATIONS, DEPENDING ON THE WORK IN COMMITTEES I AND III.

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